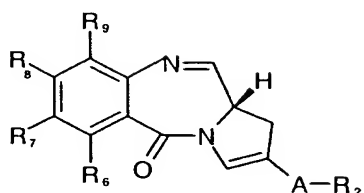


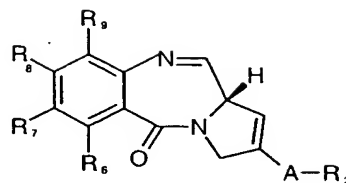
## ABSTRACT

## COMPOUNDS

5 Compounds of the formulae **Ia** and **Ib**:



(Ia)



(Ib)

wherein:

A is CH<sub>2</sub>, or a single bond;

R<sub>2</sub> is selected from: R, OH, OR, CO<sub>2</sub>H, CO<sub>2</sub>R, COH, COR, SO<sub>2</sub>R, CN;

R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, and R<sub>9</sub> are independently selected from H, R, OH, OR, halo, amino, NHR, nitro, Me<sub>3</sub>Sn;

and R<sub>8</sub> is selected from H, R, OH, OR, halo, amino, NHR, nitro, Me<sub>3</sub>Sn,

where R is as defined above, or the compound is a dimer with each monomer being the same or different and being of formula **Ia** or **Ib**,

where the R<sub>8</sub> groups of the monomers form together a bridge having

the formula -X-R'-X- linking the monomers, where R' is an alkylene chain containing from 3 to 12 carbon atoms, which chain may be interrupted by one or more hetero-atoms and/or aromatic rings and may contain one or more carbon-carbon double or triple bonds, and each X is independently selected from O, S, or N;

except that in a compound of formula **Ia** when A is a single bond,

then R<sub>2</sub> is not CH=CH(CONH<sub>2</sub>) or CH=CH(CONMe<sub>2</sub>). Other related

compounds are also disclosed.